



Tasmania at a Glance 2011



The island State of Tasmania lies off the south-east corner of the Australian mainland. The area of the State, including the offshore islands, is 68,100 km² or about 0.9% of the total area of Australia. It is separated from the mainland by Bass Strait, which is about 240 kilometres in width.

The remaining coastline is bounded by the Southern Ocean on the south and west and the Tasman Sea on the east. At its greatest length, Tasmania spans some 517 kilometres from north to south (including offshore islands); at its greatest width, it is 400 kilometres from the eastern coast to the western coast.



PEOPLE

POPULATION(a)

		2006	2010
Males	no.	241 556	250 434
Females	no.	248 395	257 192
Persons	no.	489 951	507 626
0 to 14 years	no.	96 465	97 626
15 to 24 years	no.	65 064	66 790
25 to 64 years	no.	256 984	264 170
Aged 65 and over	no.	71 438	79 040
Median age of population	years	38.8	39.9
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	205 481	p214 705
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	103 364	p106 153
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	79 944	p82 567

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

		1999	2009
Life expectancy at birth			
Males	years	75.4	77.9
Females	years	80.7	82.2
Fertility rate (births per woman)		1.88	2.18
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 standard population)		7.8	6.7
Average Medicare services processed			
Per person	no.	9.9	12.2
Per male	no.	7.7	10.1
Per female	no.	12.2	14.3
Persons with private health insurance	%	33.3	43.1

CAUSES OF DEATH

		1998	2008
Leading causes of death per 100,000 population(a)			
Cancer (Malignant neoplasms)	rate	202	201
Ischaemic heart disease	rate	165	111
Stroke	rate	80	46

(a) rates are age standardised

WAGES

		2000	2010
Total average weekly earnings (trend)			
Full-time adult employees (Nov)	\$	752.10	1 152.60
Increase over previous year	%	3.6	5.5
Labour Price Index-			
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses, index no. (2008-09=100.0) (Dec)		74.0	106.7

PEOPLE

EDUCATION

		2000	2010
Schools			
Government	no.	215	202
Non-government	no.	67	66
Students (full-time)			
Government	no.	62 803	57 331
Non-government	no.	20 734	23 510
University (total enrolments)(a)	no.	13 196	26 783

(a) Includes Maritime College from 2008

		1999	2009
VET (number of students)	no.	31 800	43 300

INTERNET ACCESS

		1999	2008-09
Households with home Internet access	no.	34 000	126 000
Proportion of all Tasmanian households	%	18	63

LABOUR FORCE(a)

		1999-00	2009-10
Persons in labour force			
Total in labour force	no.	218 300	248 400
Employed	no.	199 300	234 500
Unemployed	no.	19 000	13 900
Participation rate	%	58.8	60.9
Unemployment rate	%	8.7	5.6

(a) Average of monthly original estimates

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

		2000	2010
Total households	no.	189 000	206 000
Total families	no.	131 000	145 000
Families with children under 15 years	no.	56 000	55 000
Lone father families with children under 15 years(a)	%	2.8	4.5
Lone mother families with children under 15 years(a)	%	20.5	20.5
Children under 15 years living in one parent families(b)	%	20.5	23.5
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over living alone	%	30.3	28.4
Marriages			
Rate per 1 000 population		5.3	5.2 (2009)
Divorces granted			
Rate per 1 000 population		2.8	2.4 (2009)

(a) of all families with children aged under 15

(b) of all children aged under 15

ECONOMY

STATE ACCOUNTS

		2004-05	2009-10
State final demand (Chain volume measures)	\$m	21 880	25 292
Gross State Product (Chain volume measures)	\$m	19 585	22 341
GSP Change from previous year	%	2.3	0.4

FOREIGN TRADE

		2004-05	2009-10
Total imports (Customs value)	\$m	600.5	714.9
Total exports (Value f.o.b.)	\$m	2 639.2	3 004.2

PRICES - HOBART

		2005	2010
Consumer Price Index (Dec)			
Index number (1989-90=100)	index	151.0	172.6
Increase over previous year	%	2.9	2.3

		2005	2010
Established House Price Index (Dec)			
Index number (2003-04=100)	index	118.5	p160.3
Increase over previous year	%	6.4	p2.2

Average Retail Prices (cents) Dec 2010		Hobart	Sydney	Perth
Milk, whole	2 litre	366	373	315
Bread white loaf, sliced	650g-750g	328	379	325
Rump steak	1 kg	1872	1705	1806
Lamb, leg	1 kg	1090	1196	1203
Beef sausages	1 kg	714	671	692
Salmon, pink	210g can	330	366	350
Potatoes	1 kg	255	212	249
Tomatoes	1 kg	497	527	509
Eggs, free range	1 doz	529	548	616
Coffee, instant	150g jar	799	763	806
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	321	319	319
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	131	127	125
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	381	331	401

INDUSTRY

AGRICULTURE

		2004-05	2009-10
Livestock numbers -			
Milk cattle	'000	191	192
Meat cattle	'000	498	446
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 105	1 991
Pigs	'000	12	11
Production of-			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	75 583	62 885
Milk(a)	million litres	601	674
Wool(b)	tonnes	10 882	10 275
Barley for grain	tonnes	27 800	28 800
Apples	tonnes	45 512	31 229
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	\$m	903.1	p1 087.8
(a) Dairy Australia, whole milk intake			
(b) Wool received by brokers and dealers			

BUILDING WORK DONE

		2004-05	2009-10
New residential building	\$m	471.5	644.3
Alterations and additions	\$m	107.0	140.4
Non-residential building	\$m	287.0	674.1
Total building	\$m	865.5	1 458.9

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS (November quarter)

		2005	2010
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	'000	15.2	14.8
Mining	'000	2.7	3.6
Manufacturing	'000	23.0	19.2
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	'000	2.7	3.8
Construction	'000	15.1	18.5
Wholesale Trade	'000	7.8	7.3
Retail Trade	'000	25.6	27.5
Accommodation and Food Services	'000	16.2	16.8
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	'000	9.5	11.9
Information Media and Telecommunications	'000	5.3	3.8
Financial and Insurance Services	'000	6.0	4.0
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	'000	3.4	3.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	'000	9.8	13.7
Administrative and Support Services	'000	7.2	6.5
Public Administration and Safety	'000	16.8	15.5
Education and Training	'000	16.5	20.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	'000	26.0	31.1
Arts and Recreation Services	'000	5.5	4.8
Other Services	'000	8.2	9.4
Total	'000	222.5	235.8

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RETAIL TRADE(a)

		2004-05	2009-10
Turnover (trend) -			
Food retailing	\$m	1 555.4	2 185.1
Household goods retailing	\$m	870.9	1 093.2
Clothing, footwear and personal	\$m	233.3	272.4
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway	\$m	336.7	513.1
Total	\$m	4 040.0	5 284.2

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

MANUFACTURING

		2004-05	2008-09
Employment (end of June)(a)	'000	21.3	19.0
Wages and Salaries	\$m	901	1 097
Sales and service income	\$m	6 239	8 263

(a) Includes working proprietors

TOURISM AND TRAVEL (12 months ending Dec)(a)

		2005	2010
Total adult visitors to Tasmania	'000	788.0	904.0
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania	\$m	1 090.5	1 526
Origin			
Australia	'000	675.8	779.9
International	'000	112.3	124.1
Purpose			
Visiting relatives/friends	'000	216.2	260.6
Holiday	'000	385	385.5
Conference/convention/business(b)	'000	150.9	203.4

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data from TVS includes visitors who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only

(b) From 2010, includes seminars

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TRANSPORT

		2004-05	2009-10
Sales of new motor vehicles(a)	no.	20 295	18 803
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register at 31 March(b)	no.	362 134	410 210

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS VALUE ADDED(a)

		2004-05	2009-10
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	%	8.4	7.3
Mining	%	2.7	2.2
Manufacturing	%	13.8	12.5
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	%	4.1	3.6
Construction	%	6.2	6.1
Wholesale trade	%	3.3	3.4
Retail trade	%	5.5	5.5
Accommodation & food services	%	2.7	2.5
Transport, postal & warehousing	%	6.3	6.1
Information media & telecommunications	%	2.5	2.6
Finance & insurance services	%	6.4	9.6
Rental, hiring & real estate services	%	2.1	1.9
Professional, scientific & technical services	%	2.7	2.6
Administrative & support services	%	1.5	1.9
Public education & safety	%	7.1	7.1
Education & training	%	6.2	5.9
Health care & social assistance	%	8.7	9.8
Art & recreation services	%	0.9	0.6
Other services	%	2.1	1.5
Ownership of dwellings	%	7.4	7.3

(a) Chain volume measures

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE, 2010(a)

		Hobart	Launceston	Burnie	Swansea	Strahan
Total rainfall	mm	524	842	962	670	1716
Rain days	no.	150	133	168	137	263
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	18.2	19	17.4	18.3	16.7
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	9.1	8	10.1	7.4	8
Highest temperature	°C	36.5	33.3	32.7	33.3	35.6
Lowest temperature	°C	1.1	-2.4	1.9	-2.5	-0.6

(a) Tasmanian Climate Services Centre, Bureau of Meteorology

WATER CONSUMPTION

		2004-05	2008-09
Total water consumption	GL	434	456
Consumption per capita	kL	895	906
Household consumption per capita	GL	142	136

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	degrees Celsius	ml	millilitre
doz	dozen	mm	millimetre
f.o.b.	free on board	no.	number
g	gram	p	preliminary data
GFS	Government Finance Statistics	VET	Vocational Education and Training
GL	Gigalitres	VFACTS	Vehicle Facts
GSP	Gross State Product	%	per cent
kg	kilogram	'000	thousands
kL	Kilolitres	\$	dollars
km ²	square kilometres	\$m	million dollars

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